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SUBJECT: SANSARICQ TRIAL: COL ACHILLE

REF: STATE 258061, PORT AU PRINCE 2227

1. ALTHOUGH GOH HAS NOT YET GIVEN WRITTEN REPLY TO REQUEST CONTAINED OUT NOTE OF 11/4/74 THAT GOH AUTHORIZE ACHILLE TESTIFY AT TRIAL AND PROVIDE RESULTS OF HAITIAN INVESTIGATION CASTEL HAITI EXPLOSION, WE BELIEVE IT FAIR TO CONCLUDE GOH APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE.
2. IN FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATIONS AMBASSADOR HAS RAISED THIS MATTER WITH PRESIDENT DUVALIER, FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY BRUTUS, AND INTERIOR/DEFENSE SECRETARY BLANCHET. EACH RESPONDED HE SAW NO PROBLEM, WOULD CHECK WITH OTHERS, AND "LET US KNOW."
3. IN VIEW POSTPONEMENT TRIAL, WE BELIEVE FURTHER NEEDLING NOW MIGHT BE UNHELPFUL AND THAT JUSTICE CAN BE FAIRLY WELL ASSURED ACHILLE WILL BE AVAILABLE. SUGGEST WE BE FURNISHED WEEK ON JANUARY 6 WITH SPECIFICS SUCH AS PROPOSED DATE AND PLACE OF ARRIVAL, LENGTH OF STAY, ETC. THAT SHOULD ENABLE US OBTAIN DEFINITIVE ASSURANCE.
4. MEANWHILE, SUGGEST JUSTICE PLAN TO RELY ENTIRELY, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, ON ACHILLE'S VERBAL TESTIMONY. IN OUR MORE GENERAL EXPERIENCE, HAITIAN AUTHORITIES FREQUENTLY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN TIMELY PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS SUITED FOR USE

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